



December 4, 2007

Via Facsimile and E-mail

Ms. Myra Reece
Chief, Bureau of Air Quality
S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

**Re: Request for an Extension of the Public Comment Period – Santee Cooper's
Proposed Pee Dee Electrical Generating Station (Public Notice #07-095-PSD-N-H)**

Dear Ms. Reece,

I am writing on behalf of the Sierra Club and its members to ask that January 22, 2008 be set as the deadline for written comments on the draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit for Santee Cooper's Proposed Pee Dee Electrical Generating Station.

The public comment deadline for the Proposed Pee Dee Electrical Generating Station is currently in flux, following Santee Cooper's submission of revised application materials. Given the significant revisions to the permit application and the upcoming holidays, the Sierra Club respectfully submits that a January 22, 2008 deadline will allow the public and other agency stakeholders the opportunity to make complete, accurate and meaningful comments on this draft permit. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control will benefit from more public input, as the final permitting decisions will be better informed on important issues.

The PSD regulations require the permitting agency to make available "a copy of all materials the applicant submitted, a copy of the preliminary determination, and a copy or summary of other materials, if any, considered in making the preliminary determination." 40 C.F.R. § 51.166(q)(2)(iv). The Sierra Club appreciates the DHEC's efforts to obtain and provide requested modeling information. Nonetheless, Class 1 modeling files have not been available to us until just recently, and are just now in transit to our consultant.

Given the upcoming holidays, our staff and consultants need a reasonable timeframe to provide meaningful comments regarding the environmental impacts of this project. Therefore, the Sierra Club requests that DHEC set the public comment deadline for the draft permit for Proposed Pee Dee Electrical Generating Station to January 22, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 977-5709 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pat Gallagher', with a stylized, flowing script.

Pat Gallagher
Director of Environmental Law
Sierra Club

cc: Rhonda Thompson, DHEC